

I oppose any further deregulation that ease the consolidation of the media. Our democracy depends upon an unfettered media. The current trend is the largest threat to our freedoms and anyone furthering that trend should be considered an enemy of democracy.

I concur with the remarks of of Leonard Hill of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy given on 3 April 2003:

"We have the right to insist that public policy should be determined not by what conveniences incumbent power but by what enriches our Republic. We have a right to insist on a regulatory scheme that promotes a competitive marketplace of ideas in which a diversity of voices can be heard.

...this isn't a utopian notion. It's a principle clearly understood by the highest Court in the land. In deciding the case of Turner Broadcasting v. FCC in 1994, the Supreme Court asserted:

'Assuring that the public has access to a multiplicity of information sources is a governmental purpose of the highest order, for it promotes values central to the First Amendment. Indeed, it has long been a basic tenet of national communications policy that widest possible dissemination of information from diverse and antagonistic sources is essential to the welfare of the public.